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Enclosed are:

[ X ] Application Data Sheet (37 C.F.R. § 1.76) (3 pages).

[ X ] Specification, Claim(s), and Abstract (15 pages).

[ X ] Informal drawings (4 sheets, Figures 1, 2, 3A, 3B, 3C, 4A, 4B).

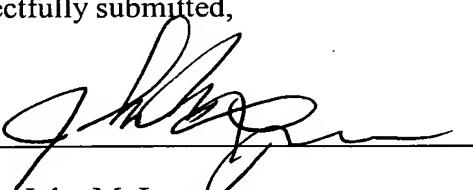
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